

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	TUAN A. VU	2193	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/10/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8, 12-18, 24-25, 27, 30-32, 39-40, 44-47, 49-50 (renum 1-22).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material</p> | <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>12/18/09</u>.</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</p> <p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.</p> |
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/Tuan A Vu/
Examiner, Art Unit 2193

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the Applicant's response filed 11/10/09.

As indicated in Applicant's response, claims 8, 13, 24, 39 have been amended, claims 1-7, 9-11, 19-23, 26, 34-38, 41 canceled and claims 49-50 added. Claims 8, 12-18, 24-25, 27-33, 39-40, 42-50 are pending in the office action.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Egan III, Reg. # 28,411 on 12/15/09.

The application has been amended as follows.

In the **CLAIMS**:

The claims have been amended according to the herein attached Amendment, namely, "Claim Amendment for Enabling Examiner's Amendment", provided as file "AmendM_121809.pdf"

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. Claims 8, 12-18, 24-25, 27, 30-32, 39-40, 44-47, 49-50 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art taken separately or jointly does not suggest or teach the following features.

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A monitoring system including a central server computer in communication with a plurality of remote casino site computers, including a first computer at each of such sites, the system comprising: (i) central computer's message receiver to receive message that identifies the first site computer as the sender, a tester at the central computer configured to determine, in response to receiving, if a value included in the message is acceptable, (ii) the tester provided with a plurality of filters each defining a range of acceptable values, where the range of values of a (chosen) filter are used by the tester to compare with the first value such that the central computer would display an alert regarding non-acceptability of the metric received from the first site computer; (iii) wherein the first computer's site is a casino site, and equipped with a software to operate a probe, the probe configured to determine at predetermined time intervals, information and value of a metric relating to applications running at the first computer, and transmit a message including the metric and site related information to the central computer; as recited in claims 8, 13, 24, 39.

Cravo de Almeida et al, USPubN: 2002/0169871, discloses a remote monitoring of local sites where STMP messages communicated back to a monitoring server include the information collected at the remote sites for assessment, wherein information gathered includes information of the running platform and CPU usage for which determination of resources exceeding a threshold would generate a administrative warning. Cravo, however fails to teach or suggest casino site first computers equipped with probes to operate at intervals as in (iii) where value for a metric collected by the probe at given site is sent (via message) for evaluation by a central computer structured in a NW topology as in (i), using plurality of filters as in (ii).

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3735. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-4:30PM/Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis Bullock can be reached on (571)272-3759.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-3735 (for non-official correspondence - please consult Examiner before using) or 571-273-8300 (for official correspondence) or redirected to customer service at 571-272-3609.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100.

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